ON OR BEFORE [[DECEMBER 1, 1976,]] JULY 1, 1977, OR ON THE DATE THIS CENTER OFFICIALLY OPENS, WHICHEVER OCCURS LAST, SHALL BE SO APPOINTED, AND, WITHOUT FURTHER EXAMINATION OR QUALIFICATION, SHALL BE CLASSIFIED IN THE JOB CLASSIFICATION UNDER THE STATE MERIT SYSTEM WHICH IS COMPARABLE TO HIS LAST JOB CLASSIFICATION AS AN ALLEGANY COUNTY EMPLOYEE.

- (2) AN EMPLOYEE APPOINTED TO THE STATE MERIT SYSTEM UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE GIVEN CREDIT THEREUNDER FOR THE YEARS OF SERVICE RENDERED IN ALLEGANY COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSES OF ESTABLISHING [[COMPENSATION]] PAY RATES, INCLUDING LONGEVITY STEPS AND THE BASIC RATES FOR VACATION AND SICK LEAVE CREDIT EARNINGS.
- (3) AN EMPLOYEE APPOINTED TO THE STATE MERIT SYSTEM UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL TRANSFER RETIREMENT CREDIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF §32A OF ARTICLE 73B OF THIS CODE.
- (4) AN EMPLOYEE WHO HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED AND APPOINTED TO THE STATE MERIT SYSTEM UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT RECEIVE ANY DIMINUTION IN [[COMPENSATION]]  $\underline{PAY}$  SOLELY AS A RESULT OF THAT TRANSFER AND APPOINTMENT.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1976.

Approved May 17, 1976.

## CHAPTER 637

(House Bill 94)

AN ACT concerning

Department of Human Resources - Displaced Homemakers and Corporate Income Tax - Interest and Dividends

POR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Human Resources, as a pilot program, to establish a [[program of]] multipurpose service [[centers in each county and Baltimore City]] center for displaced homemakers and to make grants, wherever possible, to nonprofit agencies to carry out the program; providing for job counseling and job training for displaced homemakers; providing for certain service programs; requiring the Secretary, in conjunction with the director of [[each]] the center, to promulgate rules and regulations for operation of the center; requiring periodic evaluation of the centers; and providing for automatic repeal of the [[Act]] program after a